Affairs of Talcher Unit of FCI

*358. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed a ceiling of 4 lakh 55 thousand tonnes of fertilizers for earmarking efficiently run fertilizer plants;

(b) if so, whether Government plan to close down FCI's Talcher Unit as its production level is much below the targetted level;

(c) whether Government have proposed any reconstruction measures for this huge plant whose accumulated losses have surpassed Rs. 500 crore mark and which employees over 3000 people;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to privatise the plant's ownership;

(e) if not, what alternative measures Government plan to take for its reconstruction and rehabilitation; and

(f) whether Government propose to invite senior executives in the level of Advisors who were managing the plant and have taken voluntary retirement ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), including its Talcher Unit, has been declared sick by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. The BIFR, as per orders issued on 16-3-94, has appointed Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. (ICICI) as the operating Agency. ICICI is required to submit a revival plan for FCI, Including its Talcher Unit, to the BIFR within 3 months of the said order.

As per orders of the BIFR the Government is required to submit a revival plan for FCI in consultation with the workers Unions, Officers Associations, Banks and the concerned State Governments, to the Operating Agency. The final decision on the rehabilitation of FCI, including it's Talcher Unit, is dependent upon the outcome of the proceedings before BIFR, which is a quasi judicial authority.

(f) There is no such proposal with the Government.

Issuance of identity cards to voters

*359. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of States which are going to issue identity cards for coming elections;

(b) whether it is obligatory for every voter to have an identity card;

(c) whether it is permissible for any voter to vote without showing identity card where card facilities have been made available ;

(d) why electoral identity cards are not made multi-purpose;

(e) what are the consequences of failure to issue identity cards after expiry of the deadline issued by the Election Commission;

(f) whether it is mandatory for Government to comply with Election Commission's directive on identity cards;

(g) if not, how Government would help Election Commission in enforcing this directive; and

(h) the States which have not so far agreed or declared their willingness to issue identity cards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (h) In the conference of Chief Ministers held at New Delhi in January, 1994, the scheme for issuance of photo identity cards was agreed to, in principle.

(b) and (c) Under Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, in a notified constituency where electors have been supplied with identity cards, the elector is required to produce his identity card before the Presiding Officer and failure to do so would result in non-supply of ballot paper to the elector.

(d) The election law does not prohibit electoral identity card being used for other purposes.

(e) to (g) Election law does not prescribe any rigid time-frame for issue of photo identity cards. However, after a constituency has been notified, it is mandatory for the Registration Officer to arrange for issue of identity cards, as soon as may be to every elector of such notified constituency.

मध्य प्रदेश के डाकुओं से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों और वन क्षेत्रों में सड़कों का निर्माण

*360. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री मूलचंद मीणा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के डाकुओं से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों और वन क्षेत्रों में सड़कों के निर्माण कार्य में क्या-क्या समस्याएं हैं; और

(ख) इन समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए क्या उपाय किए जा रहें हैं ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय के ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तम भाई पटेल) : (क) और (ख) विशेष समस्या वाले क्षेत्र में सड़कों के निर्माण की योजना के अंतर्गत मध्य प्रदेश में 14 सड़कें स्वीकृत की गई थी । सभी सड़कें निर्माणाधीन हैं । स्वीकृत किए गए इन निर्माण कार्यों में से 5 सड़कें वन क्षेत्र से होकर गुजरती हैं । इनमें से एक मामले में सड़क वन भूमि से गुजरती है, अन्य चार मामलों में मामला राज्य सरकार के पास लंबित है । उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश में डाकुओं से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में सड़कों के निर्माण से जुड़ी वन भूमि के बदले वृक्षारोपण हेतु वन विभाग को हस्तान्तरित करने के लिए जिला प्रशासन के पास इसके बराबर अथवा उपयुक्त भूमि उपलब्ध नहीं है । राज्य सरकार ने सड़कों के लिए वन भूमि को हस्तान्तरित किए जाने की एवज में वैकल्पिक भूमि देने का प्रस्ताव किया है ।

प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुए पत्रों पर अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई

3863. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय में प्राप्त होने वाले सांसदों के पत्र अन्य कार्यालयों को अग्रेषित कर दिए जाते हैं;

(ख) क्या ऐसे कार्यालय प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय को उन पर की गई अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई के सम्बन्ध में सूचित करते हैं;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या प्रधानमंत्री ऐसे कार्यालयों को उनके द्वारा की गई अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई के सम्बन्ध में प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय को जानकारी देने का आदेश देंगे ?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी) : (क) से (घ) प्रधानमंत्री को संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त होने वाले पत्र विभिन्न श्रेणियों के होते हैं । अधिकांश पत्रों पर कार्रवाई केन्द्र सरकार के सम्बन्धित मंत्रालयों/विभागों अथवा राज्य सरकारों, जैसा भी मामला हो, द्वारा की जानी होती है । कुछ ऐसे पत्र भी होते हैं जिन पर या तो कोई विशिष्ट कार्रवाई करनी अपेक्षित नहीं होती है अथवा प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय में कार्रवाई करनी होती है । ऐसे पत्रों, जिन पर केन्द्र सरकार के मंत्रालयों/विभागों अथवा राज्य सरकारों द्वारा कार्रवाई की जानी होती है, को उन पत्रों में उठाए गए मुद्दों पर विचार करने तथा संसद सदस्यों को समुचित उत्तर देने के लिए अग्रेषित कर दिया जाता है । मुख्यत: यह सम्बन्धित मंत्रालयों/विभागों अथवा राज्य सरकारों, जैसा भी मामला हो, का उत्तरदायित्व है कि वे इन पत्रों पर कार्रवाई करें और संसद सदस्यों को उत्तर भेजें । तथापि, जरूरी समझे जाने वाले मामलों में, प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय द्वारा सम्बन्धित मंत्रालयों/विभागों/राज्य सरकारों से उन पर की गई कार्रवाई की सूचना देने के लिए कहा जाता है ।

Russian Offer to Build Nuclear Power Station in Tamil Nadu

3864. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the visiting Russian Minister had renewed the Russian offer to build 92,000 megawatt nuclear power station in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of the offer and the proposed plant; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) During the visit of Russian Minister of Atomic Energy Prof. V. N. Mikhailov, discussions for implementation of the Kudankulam Atomic Plant were held to make a fresh assessment of the economic and commercial aspects of the project which have changed since the signing of Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) of November 1988 between erstwhile USSR and India. Discussions with Russia have not been concluded.

Kudankulam Atomic Power Project

3865. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 138 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1994 and state :

(a) when the work on Kudankulam Atomic Power Project is likely to commence and whether talks with Russia had been concluded;

(b) whether any time limit has been laid down for the purpose; and

(c) what is the total amount likely to be spent for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) The Kudankulam Atomic Power Project is to be implemented in terms of the Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) of November 1988 signed between erstwhile USSR and India. However, consequent to the political developments in the erstwhile USSR, discussions have been held with the